

REMARKS

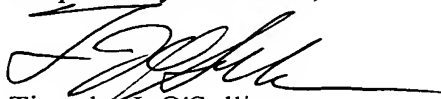
In response to the Restriction Requirement of September 9, 2004, Applicant hereby elects Invention I, corresponding to Claims 1-16. Applicant has canceled Claims 17-30 corresponding to Inventions II and III. This cancellation is being done without prejudice to the filing of any divisional application for these and/or other claims. This election is without traverse because Applicant agrees that a determination of the unpatentability of Invention I would not necessarily imply the unpatentability of Inventions II and III.

Applicant has also amended the title to reflect the change in the claims.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests favorable examination and allowance of Claims 1-16.

It is not believed that an extension of time and/or additional fee(s)-including fees for net addition of claims-are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. In the event, however, that an extension of time is necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such an extension is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Any additional fees believed to be due in connection with this paper may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

Respectfully submitted,



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